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### **REMARKS**

In the Office Action mailed February 27, 2003 (Paper No. 8), the Examiner rejected Claim 12 of the pending application under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Teshima (US Patent Number 6,272,470). In addition, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-11 of the pending application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teshima in view of Zubeldia et al. (US Patent Number 6,397,224). Moreover, the Examiner rejected Claims 13 and 14 of the pending application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teshima in view of Feinberg (US Patent Number 6,415,295). By this paper, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6, and 12-14 to distinguish the art of record and reconsideration of the above-mentioned application is now requested in the light of the amendment and remarks contained herein.

### **REJECTION OF CLAIM 12 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 12 of the pending application under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Teshima. As amended, Claim 12 recites storing personal data "in a uniformly accessible manner" and "a database management server that interacts with [an] Internet web browser so as to allow updating of the stored personal data." Teshima, on the other hand, discloses a system in which "data is fetched from the measuring instrument directly into a computer or using a network as a medium, and put in a file. The link information converting/producing means is then used to produce link information facilitating referencing of the file in relation to the consultation record. The consultation record is then updated and stored in a patient card." (See column 5, lines 9-15.) Teshima does not disclose, teach, or suggest a database management server that interacts with an Internet web browser so as to allow updating of stored personal data, as required by Claim 12. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claim 12 based on Teshima. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 12, as amended, is patentably distinguished over the cited references and Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claim 12.

### **REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-5 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-5 of the pending application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teshima in view of Zubeldia. As amended, Claim

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1 recites an Internet browser that "interacts with [a] database management server so as to allow updating of the personal data stored on the database management server." As discussed above, Teshima does not disclose, teach, or suggest an Internet browser that interacts with a database management server so as to allow updating of personal data stored on the database management server, as required by Claim 1. Zubeldia does not cure the deficiencies of Teshima because Zubeldia also fails to disclose, teach, or suggest such a database management server. Instead, Zubeldia discloses "a system for anonymously linking a plurality of data records," (see column 5, lines 16-18), such that "the anonymized data record may be stored within an output database," (see column 8, lines 5-6). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claim 1 based on Teshima in view of Zubeldia. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1, as amended, is patentably distinguished over the cited references, and Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claim 1.

Claims 2-5, which depend from Claim 1, are believed to be patentable for the same reasons discussed above in connection with Claim 1, and because of the additional features recited therein. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claims 2-5.

**REJECTION OF CLAIMS 6-11 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 6-11 of the pending application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teshima in view of Zubeldia. As amended, Claim 6 recites storing personal data "in [a] database management server in a uniformly accessible manner . . . wherein the personal data residing on the database management server can be updated using an Internet web browser interface." As discussed above in connection with Claim 12, Teshima does not disclose, teach, or suggest storing personal data in a database management server in a uniformly accessible manner such that it can be updated using an Internet web browser interface, as required by Claim 6. Moreover, as discussed above in connection with Claim 1, Zubeldia does not cure the deficiencies of Teshima because Zubeldia also fails to disclose, teach, or suggest storing personal data in the manner recited in Claim 6. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claim 6 based on Teshima in view of Zubeldia. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 6, as amended,

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is patentably distinguished over the cited references, and Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claim 6.

Claims 7-11, which depend from Claim 6, are believed to be patentable for the same reasons discussed above in connection with Claim 6, and because of the additional features recited therein. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claims 7-11.

**REJECTION OF CLAIM 13 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 13 of the pending application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teshima in view of Feinberg. As amended, Claim 13 recites "personal data stored in a uniformly accessible manner . . . wherein said personal data is updateable from a database management server using the Internet web browser." As discussed above in connection with Claim 12, Teshima does not disclose, teach, or suggest storing personal data in a uniformly accessible manner such that it is updateable from a database management server using an Internet web browser, as required by Claim 13. Feinberg does not cure the deficiencies of Teshima because Feinberg also fails to disclose, teach, or suggest storing personal data in the manner recited in Claim 13. Rather, Feinberg discloses "a system and method for data compression of structured medical history information using multiple, updatable, static dictionaries in conjunction with an advanced probability-based model." (See Abstract.) Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claim 13 based on Teshima in view of Feinberg. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 13, as amended, is patentably distinguished over the cited references, and Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claim 13.

**REJECTION OF CLAIM 14 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)**

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 14 of the pending application under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Teshima in view of Feinberg. As amended, Claim 14 recites "personal data stored in a uniformly accessible manner . . . wherein the personal data stored on the database management server is updateable via [an] Internet web browser." As discussed above in connection with Claim 12, Teshima does not disclose, teach, or suggest a system having personal data stored on a database management server in a uniformly accessible manner such that it is updateable via an Internet web browser, as required by Claim 14. In

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addition, as discussed above in connection with Claim 13, Feinberg does not cure the deficiencies of Teshima because Feinberg also fails to disclose, teach, or suggest such a system. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claim 14 based on Teshima in view of Feinberg. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 14, as amended, is patentably distinguished over the cited references, and Applicants respectfully request the allowance of Claim 14.

### CONCLUSION

From the foregoing, the Applicant believes that the present application is in condition for allowance, and the Applicant requests the prompt allowance of the same. The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number shown below.

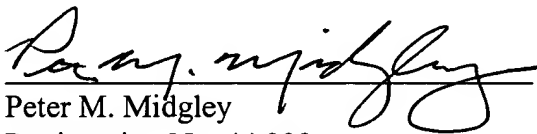
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